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LETTER DATED 18 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of violations by the Iranian side of the terms of the cease-fire and of the area of separation between the two countries during the period from 12 July to 10 August 1993.

1. At 0600 hours on 12 July 1993, an Iranian patrol boat seized an Iraqi fishing vessel that had been fishing in Iraqi territorial waters near the Anabib Bridge with the following persons on board:

(a) Laftah Kazim Finjan;

(b) Dakhil Sa'dun Finjan;

(c) Iyyad Tariq Shamil.

2. At 0900 hours on 21 July 1993, a helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear and landing at geographical coordinates 518529 opposite the Fakkah guard post. It remained stationary for 20 minutes and then returned to the Iranian rear.

3. At 0830 hours on 25 July 1993, a group consisting of an estimated 20 soldiers from the Iranian side was seen setting up barbed wire around an Iranian flag emplacement at geographical coordinates 4256 opposite the Saddam guard post inside the area of separation.

4. At 1955 hours on 28 July 1993, six persons with an excavator were seen building an observation post at geographical coordinates 565410 opposite the Hiran guard post inside the area of separation.

5. At 2000 hours on 31 July 1993, the Iranian side was seen constructing an earth embankment at geographical coordinates 562410 opposite Salah al-Din guard post. It also carried out repairs in the area and set up iron structures inside the area of separation.

6. On 1 August 1993, four fishing vessels belonging to the fishermen listed below set out to fish in our territorial waters and were seized by Iranian patrol boats:

(a) Mahdi Abd al-Nabi Jawhar;

(b) Abd al-Ahad Abd al-Rasul Hammud;

(c) Taha Yasin Shannan;

(d) Abd al-Sahib Husayn Mash'al.

7. At 2000 hours on 4 August 1993, five individuals from the Iranian side fired four rounds from geographical coordinates 957743 in the direction of our units. Five minutes later, a violent explosion was heard and seen in the same area and a piece of shrapnel fell close to the Iraqi units inside the area of separation.

8. At 0050 hours on 5 August 1993, groups of saboteurs and a vehicle were infiltrated by Iran at geographical coordinates 834076 and 839075 and proceeded in the direction of the rear to carry out acts of sabotage.

9. At 0930 hours on 6 August 1993, a large khaki-coloured Iranian helicopter was seen flying at a medium altitude over the Wadi Abu Ghurayb area at geographical coordinates 880075. After a flight lasting four minutes, it disappeared in the direction of the Iranian rear.

At 0947 hours, the helicopter was seen again, flying in the direction of Wadi Jallat at geographical coordinates 841090 opposite the Jallat guard post. After a flight lasting four minutes, it landed at those coordinates. At 1000 hours, it took off in the direction of the Iranian rear.

10. At 0930 hours on 10 August 1993, the Iranian side used blocks to build a 2-metre-high guard post at geographical coordinates 911753, completing the construction work inside the area of separation at 1000 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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